Public notice

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND
MINING

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE RECLAMATION SURETY FOR A LARGE MINE OPERATION FOR LISBON

VALLEY COPPER PROJECT
SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH
NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO
APPROVE

NO. M/037/088

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, 730S, R25E; SECTION 1, T31S, R26E, SLBM; San Juan County, Utah. Approximately 1,103 acres of federal, private and state land will be affected over the projected 10-year mine life.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining formally approved of the mining and reclamation plan for Summo (USA) Corporation's Lisbon Valley Copper project in January, 1997. A stipulation required the reclamation surety be posted prior to initiating mining operations, or by December 31, 1997, whichever came first. Summo (USA) Corporation has proposed a change in the surety company from Robert C. Bates, Inc. to United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and a change in the Reclamation Contract form to add the new parent company (Lisbon Valley Mining Company, L.L.C.). Sufficient reclamation surety is currently posted for this operation.

The person representing the company is Mr. Robert Prescott; Phone (801) 259-3077. Summo USA Corporation and Lisbon Valley Mining Company, L.L.C. are fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. \$40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to grant approval of the proposed change in the surety company and operator name is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 1st day of October, 1997.

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING s/Mary Ann Wright for Lowell P. Braxton Acting Director

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, William Webster Boyle, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the publisher of **The San Juan Record**, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published at Monticello, Utah every Wednesday; that notice of Tentative Decision to Approve by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, a copy of which is hereunto attached, was published in the regular and entire issue of each number of said newspaper for one issue, on October 8,1997.

Bill Boyle, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _/o * day of Octo box

A.D. 1997.

Notary Public residing at Monticello, Utah My commission expires December 21, 1998